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In re Application of
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This is a decision on the request for corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), filed on September 21, 2004 for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant request that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error, as the sequence listing filed with the application is not in the publication itself or in the PSIPS database.

37 CFR 1.221(b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹ The instant request does not identify a material mistake in the publication made by the Office:

The errors are not material mistakes because the application is a Continuation of U.S. Application 10/084,488 filed February 28, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,734,285. Since, the parent application is now patented and published and contains the information printed correctly, the errors do not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance

¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

of a patent. The error also does not affect the use of the patent application publication as a prior art reference, because the continuity data is correctly published and the patent has the best date as a reference. Furthermore, this is not a material error since the Image File Wrapper (IFW) for this application is available to the public, as of July 31, 2004.

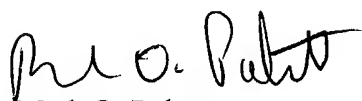
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